



Recreation Fee Program 2004

Forest Accomplishments

Mt. Hood National Forest

Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region

Recreation Fees Help Us Maintain Popular Recreation Sites and Trails



New handrails and posts on Mirror Lake Bridge.

The Mt. Hood National Forest manages 50 trailheads and five picnic areas as part of the Northwest Forest Pass (NWFP) project. In 2004, your recreation fees helped us maintain about 300 miles of trail. Many volunteers helped us maintain trails, and NWFP funds were used to provide chainsaw and cross-cut saw training to these volunteers.

To reduce human waste, NWFP funds were used to install portable toilets at Mirror Lake, Salmon River West, Old Salmon River, and Ramona Falls trailheads from Memorial Day weekend through mid-October.

Wilderness stewards were supported with NWFP funds to provide wilderness patrols and *Leave No Trace* contacts. Weekend patrols were provided to enhance security, maintain facilities and provide public contacts.

Keeping recreation sites and trails clean, maintained, free of encroaching vegetation and relatively safe is a big job. The recreation fee program goes a long way towards helping us do this.

The Fees:

Project Name	Revenue Collected 2004	Expenditures 2004
Northwest Forest Pass	\$ 497,975	\$ 299,838
Camping	\$ 1,374	\$ 0
Golden Passes	\$ 27,079	\$ 2,583

More Detailed Information

Forest Website:

www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood

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Your Fees At Work:

*Trail crew installs
Ramona Falls Trail
seasonal access bridge.*

The Accomplishments:

Northwest Forest Pass:

Mirror Lake – A significant restoration project was done at Mirror Lake, one of the most popular NWFP destinations. Historically, access to the lake shore has been a series of user-created, eroding trenches. In 2004, Forest Service workers constructed stairs and a boardwalk to better define access routes to the lake. Workers also established barriers with logs, rocks, and transplanted vegetation to prevent erosion and protect sensitive wetland habitat.



News steps to shore line at Mirror Lake.



Dog River Trailhead.

Northwest Forest Pass Site Signing – Trailhead signing at NWFP trailheads was enhanced to include an information board, trail signs and NWFP information. At Dog River and East Fork (Robinhood) Trailheads on the Hood River Ranger District, new interpretive signs were designed and fabricated, telling the story of two recent flood events. Trailheads were checked and maintained throughout the year.

Bagby Hot Springs Repairs – The deck and bathhouse at Bagby Hot Springs were repaired in 2004. Bagby is one of the most popular sites in the Clackamas River Ranger District. Anticipating this project, the cedar boards used for the repairs were sawn from hazard trees in nearby campgrounds during 2003 using NWFP receipts.



Bagby Hot Springs.